

time, that we do not address that subject until we resolve 403. Today I believe that we have resolved 403. Secondly, 94-142 is upon us in terms of those programs and I don't want the feds to think that they are in a position to force us to comply to provide education for our children because we have beat them to the punch on that issue many, many, many times and the children of this state that are currently being served, the 28,000, are being served because of the foresight and the leadership of this Legislature. This is the final step. Now let me tell you how we are going to get more funds to fund it. As 94-142 funds come into the state and those are not supplanted funds, those are not funds that we can use to replace our existing funds for that service, I believe we are going to be in a reasonable position to provide more and more services under that funding mechanism. Let me tell you also....

PRESIDENT: You have one minute.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: ...it can be consolidation. It can be a consolidation of existing services. We have placed with the Meyer Children's Institute, we have placed with the Cozad Diagnostic Center, which also needs to be upgraded, more services there, preschool diagnostic programs. Senator Cullan's approach is retrenchment, and as I said yesterday, I have great admiration and respect for Senator Cullan. This is not one of his best ideas but we all make mistakes every once in awhile. Senator Cullan, first I would ask you to withdraw the amendment, and secondly, if you don't, just kind of smile and let them know you are joking.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, I don't know where the problem lies here. We have one of the fourteen centers in Sidney and Title VI(b) money was pulled out by the Department of Education. I went to Eldin Ehrlich and Eldin Ehrlich said that they were going to fund it from the Department of Welfare. I really don't know where this is going to end up. You are talking about a million dollars here on this particular bill. Certainly there wasn't a million dollars spent before when they were doing it on these fourteen different centers and they seemed to be taken care of. I know that in Sidney I got many letters that Senator Frank Lewis got only because the Title VI(b) money was pulled out. Now if the Department of Welfare is going to fund this, I really can't see any reason to mandate to the schools that they are going to have to have this million dollars. It is going to be a hard decision to make. I like to see the kids taken care of but the kids have been taken care of in the past. I know that all mine have. There is only five of them out there but they were being taken care of in good shape and the fact is that some of these in the past have gone into grades, into kindergarten and first grades normally, that perhaps wouldn't have gone normally otherwise but I just can't see where it is going to take a million dollars to do this when the fourteen centers that are being pulled out now according to the information that I get will be replaced by welfare and I just can't see really where we would need this kind of a bill or why you would mandate every school system to do this with this kind of an expense. You talk about a million dollars now, wait until you get the emergency fund that you are going to have for the flood. That is going to be money that you are going to certainly have to use there. Thank you.